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The reply brief filed 5/28/02 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The Board's attention is drawn to a copending application to similar subject matter by the same inventor also awaiting a decision by the Board.

Any inquiry concerning this communication and its merits should be directed to William Pierce at E-mail address bill.pierce@USPTO.gov or at telephone number (703) 308-3551.


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